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STATEMENT

In connection with the publication of a book entitled  
The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence, the Central Intelligence  
Agency makes the following statement:

The Central Intelligence Agency received a  
manuscript entitled The CIA and the Cult of  
Intelligence from its co-authors, Victor Marchetti  
and John Marks, pursuant to the provisions of a  
permanent injunction ordered by the U. S. District  
Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, enforcing  
the Secrecy Agreement made by Mr. Victor Marchetti  
in connection with his employment by CIA and  
consequent access to sensitive intelligence matters.

In accordance with that injunction, the Central  
Intelligence Agency identified for deletion those

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portions of the manuscript which were classified, were learned during Mr. Marchetti's employment with the Central Intelligence Agency, and had not been placed in the public domain by the U. S. Government. The CIA made a subsequent decision not to contest the publication of certain of these portions, in order to place full emphasis on the sensitive items remaining. The CIA also indicated its willingness not to contest certain portions if they could be rephrased to omit certain names or other specific references to classified material, but this offer was not accepted.

The Central Intelligence Agency did not correct or contest the publication of factual errors in the manuscript. The Agency's decision not to contest the major portions of the manuscript does not constitute an endorsement of the book or agreement with its conclusions.

A publisher's note at the beginning of the book states, "Bold face type is used to indicate passages first deleted and later reinstated." Certain passages in bold face type were not identified for deletion by

the Central Intelligence Agency to the authors.

The Central Intelligence Agency has reviewed the manuscripts of books of a number of former employees who had signed secrecy agreements as a condition of employment at the Agency. In all cases, the Agency's role has been solely to identify classified information learned by the ex-employee during his employment. In no case has the Agency attempted to suggest editorial changes of the author's opinions or conclusions. The Agency has not attempted to suggest changes in material that was not true.